

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 756

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 21100 of the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 756, as introduced, Melendez. Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21100 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:
3 21100. (a) ~~All lead agencies~~ *A lead agency* shall prepare, or
4 cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an
5 environmental impact report on ~~any a project which they propose~~
6 *that it proposes* to carry out or approve that may have a significant

1 effect on the environment. Whenever feasible, a standard format
2 shall be used for *an* environmental impact ~~reports~~ *report*.

3 (b) The environmental impact report shall include a detailed
4 statement setting forth all of the following:

5 (1) All significant effects on the environment of the proposed
6 project.

7 (2) In a separate section:

8 (A) Any significant effect on the environment that cannot be
9 avoided if the project is implemented.

10 (B) Any significant effect on the environment that would be
11 irreversible if the project is implemented.

12 (3) Mitigation measures proposed to minimize significant effects
13 on the environment, including, but not limited to, measures to
14 reduce the wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary consumption of
15 energy.

16 (4) Alternatives to the proposed project.

17 (5) The growth-inducing impact of the proposed project.

18 (c) The report shall also contain a statement ~~briefly indicating~~
19 *that briefly states* the reasons for determining that various effects
20 on the environment of a project are not significant and consequently
21 have not been discussed in detail in the environmental impact
22 report.

23 (d) For purposes of this section, any significant effect on the
24 environment shall be limited to substantial, or potentially
25 substantial, adverse changes in physical conditions which exist
26 within the area as defined in Section 21060.5.

27 (e) Previously approved land use documents, including, but not
28 limited to, general plans, specific plans, and local coastal plans,
29 may be used in cumulative impact analysis.